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SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH WEEKLY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass & Office closed

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass

Novena to St Padre Pio

9:30am Sacrament of Penance

5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday

8:30am – 3:30pm

Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

BAPTISMS

11:30am

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays

Please contact the Parish Office.

Presentation Mass & Baptism

Information morning are held every

4th Sunday

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT

ADORATION

8:00pm Adoration – 9:00am Saturday

3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP (2022)

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years

Bethany Catholic Primary School Hall

Contact Joanne D'Agostino, via the

Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish office or

find the information on the parish

website.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ

There are hardly any statements in the New Testament more challenging and provocative than the Beatitudes – which include in Luke's formulation read as today's Gospel (Luke 6:17, 20-26) the corresponding Woes. I think it is important to attend in particular to two things: the context in which the Beatitudes are pronounced and the biblical meaning of beatitude.

The context is that Jesus is instructing his disciples before large crowds. Burdened and afflicted, these people have come from far and near to access his healing power (Luke 6:17-19). The implication is that the disciples, by adopting the values enshrined in the Beatitudes, are to become themselves instruments of hope and healing for this troubled wider group.

In the biblical tradition 'blessed' does not strictly speaking commend a moral attitude to be adopted. The formula declares a person to be in a fortunate or advantageous position. It almost amounts to 'Congratulations!' – the sort of thing we might say to a friend who had won the lottery. However, in the tradition of Israel the declaration of a person as 'blessed' is usually in view of a coming action of God.

The First Reading, from Jeremiah (17:5-8), provides a background for this sense of being blessed (or cursed) in that it points to likely outcomes – positive and negative – as the case may be – based upon whether or not one puts one's trust in God.

Nonetheless, the Beatitudes are highly provocative. They constitute a series of oxymorons: the holding together of two concepts that clash or are at odds with one another. It is outrageous in any age to congratulate the poor on being poor, the hungry on being hungry, the weeping and the reviled on being in the condition they are in. Correspondingly, it appears foolish to declare unfortunate (for that is what 'Woe!' signifies) the wealthy, the well-fed ('the full'), the laughing and those who enjoy a good reputation. Other things being equal, these states are perfectly desirable.

But in the vision of Jesus other things are not equal at all. The Beatitudes and the Woes only make sense in the light of the coming reversal of fortune to be brought about by God that is a prominent theme in Luke's view of salvation. They have a clear anticipation in the canticle of Mary, the Magnificat:

He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty (Luke 1:51-53)

God is on the side of the poor and marginalised rather than the rich and powerful. The prospect that God will intervene to reverse the present social setup makes it better even now to be poor, hungry, weeping and reviled rather than rich, full, etc.

So Jesus is not endorsing poverty or hunger as though they were good things in themselves. In themselves they are evils to be eradicated. He is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages and disadvantages are relativised and indeed reversed in view of a particular vision of God – a God who has pledged to act on behalf of the poor and marginalised rather than the rich and well off. What the Beatitudes basically call for is a preparedness to be vulnerable in the light of this understanding of God and God's faithfulness.

This brings us back to the context in which this instruction is given: the afflicted multitude that presses in upon Jesus and the disciples, longing for healing. A vulnerable community can become for the afflicted an instrument of God's power. It is the vulnerable who make the world safe for humanity.

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Should we understand by 'poor' the economically poor or the spiritually poor? The 'poor' are certainly the economically poor; the Beatitudes, like the Magnificat, cannot be spiritualised away so as to have no bearing upon economics or social justice. At the same time, in Jesus' day the phrase 'the poor' was a standard self-description for the faithful in Israel who wait upon the Lord – like Simeon and Anna at the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22-38). At the heart of their waiting for economic and structural salvation lies a deep spiritual longing and trust in God. 'The poor' are all whose emptiness and destitution provides scope for the generosity of God.

The Second Reading continues Paul's reminder to the Corinthian community about the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20). Belief in the resurrection of Jesus cannot be separated from belief in the resurrection of all those 'in Christ', that is, believers. His resurrection is the hope and pledge of a more general resurrection to come. This Second Reading thus joins the other two in its sense of God's faithfulness. God's raising of Christ necessarily implies that God will be faithful in raising those 'in Christ' – believers – as well.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached,
how can some of you be saying that there is no
resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised,
Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been
raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious,
all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in
Christ has been for this life only, we are the most

unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised
from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

SCRIPTURE IN OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Dear Parishioners
The table opposite shows we desperately need more scripture teachers for our local schools.

We have over 250 children who will not have the opportunity to hear the Good News or to develop a relationship with God.

Please contact the Parish office or Lynn Young liturgy@padrepio.org if you can spare an hour each week to teach these children. A teacher's manual & student activity books are provided. There are also courses available. *Thank You*

REGENTVILLE
Tuesday 12:15 - 12:45
Yr 1 & Yr 2
Tuesday 12:45 - 1:10
Yr 4 & Yr 5 & Yr 6
GLENMORE PARK
Tuesday 11:00 – 11:30
Kindergarten
Yr 1 & Yr 2
Thursday 11:00 – 11:30
Yr 3 & Yr 5 & Yr 6
SURVEYORS CREEK
Thursday 12:20 – 12:50
Yr 1
Thursday 12:50 – 1:20
Yr 3 & Yr 6

GLENBROOK PARISH LITURGICAL FORMATION DAY

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a liturgy formation day on 'The Mass – we go there but we don't get it' on Saturday 19 February, beginning with Morning Mass at 9.15am and finishing at 1pm with lunch. Fr Peter Williams AM, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia will present a talk, followed by a Q&A session. Cost is a donation for catering purposes. Please RSVP by 15 February to secretary@stfinbars.org.au

“Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.” St. Padre Pio.

PARISH INFORMATION

DIOCESAN SEMINAR FOR ACOLYTES AND MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR

The Office for Worship is conducting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar.

When: 26 February, 9:30 am -3:00 pm

Where: Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. The workshop will be an opportunity to refine one's skills in their ministry with a special focus on Holy Week celebrations. Limited spaces available. Please email Anne Stanton on anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA EMERGENCY

APPEAL FOR TONGA Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your prayer and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sunday 13: Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Year C

Monday 14: St Cyril & St Methodius

Thursday 17: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 15 February

Place: Wendy & Gert Van Mullekom, 23 Prunus Close GP

LEGION OF MARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 6pm

Place: Parish meeting room.

The Legion of Mary seeks to bring its members and those they serve closer to Christ through devotion to Mary Our Mother. Growth in personal holiness through weekly apostolic work is the Legion's goal and service to the parish. If you are interested in joining you are most welcome to attend the meeting.

PARENTS INFORMATION NIGHT for the SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Date: Tuesday 15 Feb at 7:00pm in the Church

ASH WEDNESDAY 02 MARCH: 9:00am Mass & 7:00pm Mass



OLD PALMS

Please bring in your old palms and place them in the basket on the Welcome Table. These will be burnt and the ash used on Ash Wednesday. Thank You

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

Deceased: Librada Parentela, Claudette Griffith Brill.

Prayers for the Sick: Maureen Klingner, Georgina Rastegorac

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered for Thanksgiving, birthdays, recently deceased, death anniversary or prayers for someone who is sick.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO 2022 – 12 & 13 FEBRUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Help Needed	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Marg Rooney	1. Deepa Sijo 2. Mathew Sijo
CLEANING TEAM	*Mary & Frank Mifsud *Lupisan Family *Merley Gearin *Antionette Manna *Cheryl Bowen		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK THREE 2021 – 19 & 20 FEBRUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Help Needed	Lynn Young	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Farley Bartholomeusz
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Lynn Young 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Regina Rossetto 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Mel Gaudoin *John & Leanne Gately * Susan Guy Help Needed		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR 2022 – 26 & 27 FEBRUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Help Needed	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Reginald Vibar	1. Bev Croft 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Help Needed 2. Help Needed
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CLINIC HOURS:
Monday-Friday 8am-6pm Saturdays 9am-3pm Public Holidays 9am-1pm

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